

# Health Services Recovery Council

*Cameron, Orleans/Jefferson, Plaquemines, Saint Bernard and Saint Tammany Parishes and Baton Rouge Area*

# Who We Are

- Developed out of local planning efforts
- Two representatives per area elected by respective community planning groups
- Members meet bi-weekly
- Early Adopters of Redesign
- Completed Community-Based Recovery Plans
- Successfully used SSBG funding to address applicable needs
- Recognized in Legislation – SCR 108



# What We Do

- Assess population health needs, resources secured and remaining gaps in recovery (Gap Analysis)
- Relay grassroots information to the Council (community voice), as well as provide pertinent state and national updates back to the community
- Provide realistic financial projections of the ongoing recovery needs in each parish represented
- Maximize and leverage existing assets and future resources through formal collaboration and sharing of successes and lessons learned

# Purpose of Presenting

- Outline Updated Parish-Specific Core Needs
- Seek Partnership with LRA

# Benefits of Partnerships

## The Council can:

- provide up-to-date information on local recovery efforts
- provide sound documentation and reporting of ongoing needs
- monitor and serve as a liaison to assist local planning efforts in keeping with principles and priorities set forth for recovery
- serve as a unified voice for community-based recovery



# **Parish-Specific Key Needs**

# Cameron Parish Remaining Needs

- **Hospital:** Operating Expenses
- **Ambulatory Care**

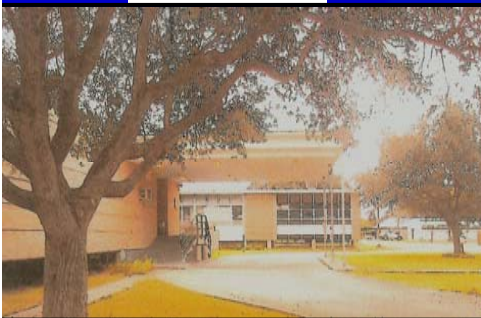
Rural Health Clinics: Hazard Mitigation and EMR Expenses

School-Based Clinic and Nurse Program: Start up for Replacement Clinic

Behavioral Health Services: OMH/OAD Joint Mobile Team Effort: Start-Up and Operating Expenses

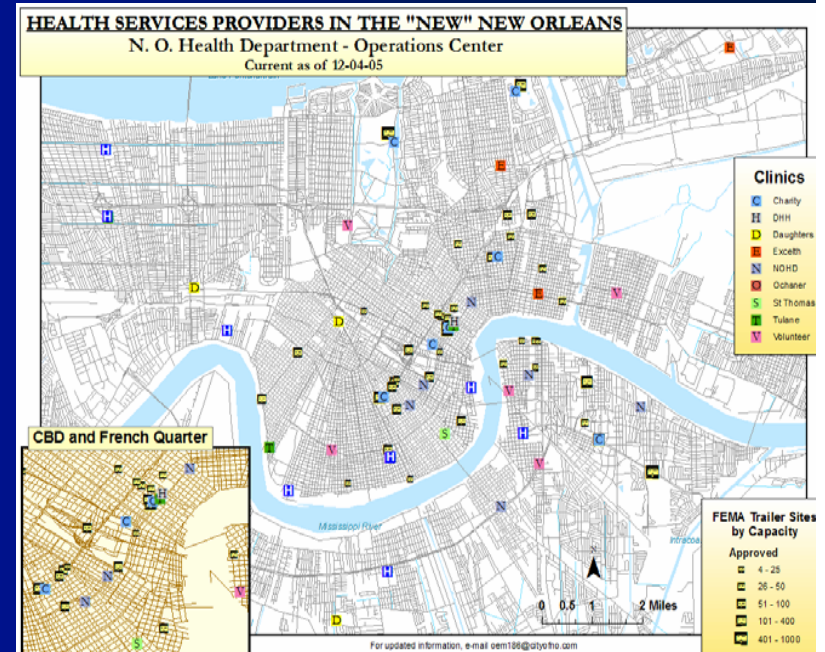
Pharmacy

Dental



# Orleans/Jefferson Parish Impact and Recovery Efforts

- Impact:
  - 70% of medical professionals gone from the area – perhaps permanently
  - 90% of psychiatrists gone from the area
  - 64 Inpatient psychiatric beds remain
  - Private practices shuttered throughout Lakeview, New Orleans East –and more
  - Safety net clinics reduced by more than 1/2
- Recovery Efforts:
  - Safety net providers working together to geographical gaps in service
  - Modular and temporary facilities in place areas with returning residents
  - New clinics opening weekly





# Orleans/Jefferson Critical Needs

## Additional or Continued Funding for:

- Infrastructure and continuation of operational costs
  - Medical staff, equipment & supplies
- Uncompensated care cost reimbursement
- Gaps in funding for capital needs not covered by FEMA
- Inpatient psychiatric and substance abuse services
- Emergency preparedness and communication technology
- Workforce recruitment and retention incentives
- Hospitals: Evaluating and rating the structures for "Shelter in Place" and provide recommendations to harden the facilities

# Plaquemines Parish

# Plaquemines Critical Needs

- **24-Hr Medical Center-**  
Open 12 hrs/day, 7 days/wk  
w/ target date to increase to  
18 hrs/day
- **Pharmacy**
- **Parish Health Department** -Capital expenses for  
replacement of permanent facility
- **Emergency Medical Services** -Capital expenses for  
temporary and permanent facilities
- **Behavioral Health Services** -Capital expenses to add  
space at local location to house additional services
- **Community Counseling/Assessment/Resources** -  
Operating Expenses for Education Centers



# **St. Tammany Parish**

# Critical Needs and Current Projects

- **Infrastructure and Community Work Force Development (Parish-Wide)**
- **Loss of private physician practices and public health unit while experiencing influx of evacuee-residents:**  
Need to recruit Physicians and build-out space for offices  
Project: SMH Medical Office Buildings with shell space to build-out
- **Emergency Rooms Used as Primary Care offices Parish-Wide**  
Project: Safety Net Clinics in Pediatric and Adult Primary Care (SSBG Grants)  
Project: Expansion Projects for both Community Hospitals in their Emergency Departments
- **No mental health safety-net currently exists:**  
Need expanded capacity for mental health services and psych beds
- **Community Hospital (SMH) located in the flood zone needs functional renovations to remain operational in flood conditions**  
Project: Central Energy Plant needs to be moved off of the first floor of SMH  
Project: IT needs to be moved off of its current first floor location.
- **Uncompensated Care and Reimbursement Issues**



# Baton Rouge-Area

# Critical Needs

- **Medical case-management**
- **Inpatient psychiatric beds**
- **Greater access to preventive/primary/specialty care for under and uninsured**
- **Dental care**
- **Pharmaceuticals**
- **Transportation**
- **Group home(s) for chronic mental illness**
- **Health literacy training**
- **Universal Electronic Medical Record**
- **Improve physician reimbursement for Medicaid**
- **Recruit, train and retain physicians, dentists, social workers, nurses, and other health care professionals**
- **Development of more health care resources**
  - Community Based Health Clinics with expanded operating hours
  - Trauma Center
  - Payor source for adult uninsured/underinsured
  - A system for managing behavioral health crises

# St. Bernard Parish



Chalmette Medical Center



Makeshift Clinic Exxon Refinery



Current Medical Clinic



# Critical Needs

- Restrictions for relief funding for the private sector/ access to funds to rebuild are limited due to redundant conflicting regulations
- Small hospital with limited bed capacity and adequate inpatient psychiatric beds
- Recruitment and retention resources and lack of housing
- Bricks and mortar support for long-term facilities
- Operational support for behavioral health services
- Pharmacy



# Closing

# **Associated Cost of Needs Collected through Parish Recovery Plans**

## Hurricane Recovery Plans

- \$41 million for infrastructure costs
- \$40 million for operational costs
- Workforce Recruitment and Retention
- Uncompensated Care Payments to Physicians
- Malpractice premium compensation -\$23,364,720
- R&R Incentives (relocation, sign-on bonuses, etc.) - \$24,235,000
- Emergency Preparedness: \$50 million for generators and communications equipment

The Council would like to:

- work with the LRA to identify appropriate resources to address needs identified across represented parishes
- serve as a key resource for collection of recovery information (needs, assets and associated gaps)
- work with the LRA and the Redesign Collaborative to ensure local planning efforts are in keeping with the principles and priorities set forth for Louisiana's recovery
- provide the LRA data needed to assist in identification and advocate for funding opportunities